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HOGENEKKAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposal from state government of Tamil Nadu regarding the foreign aided drinking water project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the present status of ongoing Hogenekkal Project for water supply and fluorosis mitigation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) As informed by State Govt. of Tamil Nadu, they have not sent any proposal to Government of India for availing foreign assistance.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorsis Mitigation Project was designed to provide 160 Million Litre per Day (MLD) of safe and potable drinking water supply to 3 Municipalities, 17 Town panchayats, and 6755 rural habitations in 18 Panchayat Unions of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts with river Cauvery as source near Hogenakkal benefiting to a population of 33.87 lakh at a cost of Rs. 1928.80 Crore.

An amount of Rs 1585.60 Crore is funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as loan and the balance amount of Rs. 343.20 Crore is funded through the State Government Share (Rs. 307.48 crore) and Urban local Body share (Rs. 35.72 crore).

The Hogenakkal water supply project was inaugurated by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 29-05-2013.

At present 115 Million Litres of water is being supplied daily to 3 Municipalities, 16 Town Panchayats and 5877 rural habitations benefiting a population of 31.00 lakh.

The works for the balance 878 habitations were delayed due to getting National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and Forest permissions from New Delhi. Now the permissions were obtained and the works are under progress and has been proposed to complete all the works and effect water supply before March 2015.

Fluorosis Mitigation Component

530 Government Doctors were trained to diagnosis and treat Fluorosis.

3785 trained School Teachers completed Dental Fluorosis survey covering 4,24,713 students.

418 Village Health Nurses and 1887 Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Volunteers were trained and House-to-house fluorosis health survey covering 6,54,551 households has been completed.

Affected households are being provided counselling and micro- nutrients supplements.

Government hospital will be providednecessary medical equipments and corrective surgeries for Dental and Skeletal Fluorosis cases are planned.

Capacity Development Component of Local Bodies

All the 584 Beneficiary Rural Village Panchayats Functionaries and the user groups Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) shall be trained in water supply equitable distribution, gender issues and Operation and Maintenance (O&M).